

Senate Resolution 1510

By: Senators Thompson of the 33rd, Wiles of the 37th, Stoner of the 6th, Hill of the 32nd and Rogers of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. James A. "Jimmy" Colquitt; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Mr. James A. "Jimmy" Colquitt on February 15, 2010; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Colquitt was born on December 3, 1918, in Thomaston, Georgia, and had
5 been a resident of Marietta, Georgia, since 1947; and

6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Army as a second lieutenant, valiantly and courageously serving as a paratrooper in
8 the Airborne Troops, protecting democracy and his fellow Americans; and

9 WHEREAS, during his service in the military, Mr. Colquitt was involved in the United
10 States occupation of Berlin and was in charge of entertainment at the Potsdam Conference
11 in 1945, serving as an aide to President Harry S. Truman and securing stars such as Bob
12 Hope and Mickey Rooney; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Colquitt participated in five major campaigns, received one French and five
14 United States decorations, and met Generalissimo Joseph Stalin, Prime Minister Winston
15 Churchill, General Dwight Eisenhower, and General George Patton; and

16 WHEREAS, after returning from Germany, Mr. Colquitt was united in love and marriage to
17 Betty Medford and went to work for her father's insurance business, a profession he excelled
18 in, later purchasing the agency and running James A. Colquitt, Inc., for many years; and

19 WHEREAS, he studied business administration at the University of Georgia and was the
20 consummate Bulldogs football fan, easily spotted at games in a red sports jacket and
21 custom-made red and black alligator shoes; and

22 WHEREAS, a strong supporter of Bulldogs athletics, Mr. Colquitt worked tirelessly for 50
23 years as a volunteer assistant to coaches, supporting the dreams of athletes, and served as
24 trustee of the Student Education Fund in 1949; and

25 WHEREAS, he was the founder and former president of the Cobb County Bulldog Club,
26 which has served as the model for many clubs located throughout the Southwest; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Colquitt was a long-time supporter of Woodward Academy, which was
28 named Georgia Military Academy when he attended and which has recognized his assistance
29 by naming the Colquitt Rifle Team, Colquitt Stadium, and the Colquitt Student Hall in his
30 honor; and

31 WHEREAS, he was the founding member and president of The Atlanta Country Club in east
32 Cobb and was instrumental in bringing the PGA Atlanta Golf Classic to the facility; and

33 WHEREAS, this respected community leader was active with numerous civic organizations
34 in Marietta, including the Kiwanis Club, the Civil Service Board, Kennestone Hospital Guild,
35 the Horace Orr American Legion Post, First National Bank of Cobb County, and the
36 Georgian Club; and

37 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Colquitt will long be remembered for
38 his love of Bulldogs athletics, family, and friendship, and this loyal community leader and
39 friend will be missed by all; and

40 WHEREAS, Mr. Colquitt was a loving and devoted father of two daughters, Ginger and
41 Cathy, and a proud grandfather, who, even though he projected a commanding presence,
42 reassured all who knew him with his gentle and contagious smile.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
44 join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. James A. "Jimmy" Colquitt and express their
45 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
47 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. James A. "Jimmy"
48 Colquitt.